

SENATE BILL 3009
By Herron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38,
Chapter 8, relative to political activity of law
enforcement officers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-351, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(a) No law enforcement officer shall engage in political activity, support or opposition to any candidate, party or measure in any election when on duty or acting in such officer's official capacity.

(b) No law enforcement officer shall, directly or indirectly, give, solicit or receive, or be in any manner concerned in giving, soliciting or receiving, any assessment, subscription or contribution for any political party or political purpose. No officer shall, orally or by letter, solicit or be in any manner concerned in soliciting any assessment, subscription or contribution for any political party or purpose from another person.

(c) No law enforcement officer shall take any part in political management or affairs or in a political campaign further than to cast his vote and to express privately his opinion.

(d) Any violation of the provisions of this section shall be grounds for removal or other remedial, administrative action by the officer's employing agency, department or other political subdivision.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.